

## **Emergencies Can Happen at Any Time**

#### Lesson Plan

- Teach students how to plan ahead, so if ever there is an emergency they can Act Fast and Stay Calm. Script and worksheet.
- Learn symptoms that need urgent medical help, for example:
  - Sudden dizziness or fainting
  - Severe vomiting or diarrhea
  - Increased weakness
  - Coughing up blood
  - Seizure
  - Loss of consciousness
  - Hard time (labored) breathing
  - Severe burns
  - Feeling like you will hurt yourself

- Severe allergic reaction
- Sudden change in eyesight
- High fever
- Change in level of awareness/alertness (hard to wake up)
- You see a bad car accident
- Poisonous snake bite
- Someone is hurt bad
- Need a fire or police officer

# Call 9-1-1

When you call 9-1-1 be calm. Be prepared to answer questions in a calm clear way. It may help if you take a couple of deep breaths before you call. The important thing is to be calm so the dispatcher can get you the help you need.

#### Always Be Prepared for an Emergency

- Practice how you will tell others when you are having a medical emergency.
- Make sure you or somebody with you can explain ALL of +your health conditions and medicines.
- Be ready to call 9-1-1 if you or someone else is badly hurt or in danger.
- Be sure to have an In Case of Emergency (ICE) name and number saved in your cell phone.
- Learn about symptoms that would need 9-1-1 and symptoms that could wait long enough to drive to the nearest emergency room.
- Talk with your doctor about wearing a medical alert bracelet, if needed, and ask your doctor or search the web

to find a bracelet that fits your needs.

- Always carry identification, your insurance card, and your emergency care plan (if you have one).
- Know where the closest emergency room is to your home, job, and other places you spend time.

#### **LESSON PLAN- Calling 911**

#### Example of a 911 phone call and a script for teacher/ student use.

Let the student know that depending on the emergency, the questions from the dispatcher could be different from the ones on the script.

Student dials "9	11."	
Operator:	911. What is your emergency?	
Caller:	States the type of emergency.	
Operator:	What is your name?	
Caller:	Gives first and last name.	
Operator:	What is the phone number you are calling from?	
Caller:	Gives phone number. Say "pay phone, cell phone, home phone	"
Operator:	Where is the?	
	(fire, accident, medical emergency etc.)	
Caller:	Street address or general location.	
Operator:	What are the nearest cross streets? (if street address is given)	
Caller:	House number and street and city.	
	OK to give street only but must include a cross street and city.	
Operator:	How many cars involved? (car accident picture prompt)	
or		
Operator:	Is anyone hurt? (applies to all emergencies)	
Caller:	Tells number of cars OR answers Yes/No re: injured persons.	
Operator:	OK, right away.	
	(student's name) (e.g. an ambulance)	

Discuss the Delaware Emergency Preparedness Voluntary Registry for citizens with special need. You can register at www.de911assist.delaware.gov

### **Practice Script –without "Caller" responses**

Have student practice this possible script so they know how to make the call properly. Student dials "911."

Operator:	911. What is your emergency?
Caller:	(car accident, fire, poison, snake bite, etc.)
Operator:	What is your name?
Caller:	
Operator:	What is the phone number you are calling from?
Caller:	
Operator:	Where is the? alt: Where are you? (medical emergency, fire, accident, etc.)
Caller:	
	Address number, street name, city
Operator:	What are the nearest cross streets?
Caller:	
Operator:	How many cars involved?
Caller:	
Operator:	Is anyone hurt?
Caller:	
Operator:	OK, We'll send right away. (student's name) (e.g. an ambulance)